

history & heritage notes

Mr Kim D. YOUNG



Mr Young was the General Manager and Secretary of the Club from 2018 - 2019

Kim Douglas Young was born in 1955 into a pastoral family in the Cunnamulla district of far south western Queensland where he grew up.

He was educated principally through what was then called the Queensland Correspondence School, now known as the Queensland School of Distance Education. This was in the days prior to School of the Air, so all lessons came by, and assignments returned via the weekly mail truck, weather permitting.

After completing his matriculation, Kim joined the Australian Estates Company Limited as a jackaroo and served that company on a number of their sheep and cattle stations throughout Queensland rising to the position of Assistant Station Manager.

In 1979 he joined a Brisbane-based international livestock and rural development consultancy, Gunn Rural Management as Project Manager at which time he was posted to East Malaysia (Sabah), charged with the task of developing feedlot facilities in Sabah, Brunei and Kalimantan.

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In the following year, Kim was transferred to Ghana in West Africa following an emergency situation created by a military coup in that country. He was tasked with overall responsibility for developing a 100,000-acre sheep, cattle, and cropping "ranch" in the remote northern sub-Saharan part of Ghana for Gunn Rural Management's client, the Central Bank of Ghana. He returned to Australia in the mid-1980's to embark on an accidental, radical change of career.

From 1986, Kim was joint principal of Queensland Hospitality Services in partnership with his new wife, Anna Stewart who continues to operate that business.

From 1997 until his retirement in 2019, Kim was involved solely in the management of private members clubs. During that period, he was, variously, CEO/General Manager of

- the 5,000 member Queensland Rugby Union Club,
- the 4,500 member Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, and
- the United Service Club.

Kim held the appointment as General Manager and Secretary of the United Service Club from 17 August 2018 to 31 March 2109

During his short tenure at the United Service Club the principal focus of the Club Committee and management was almost solely the development of a strategy to maximise the potential of the real estate holdings of the organisation for the benefit of members and to ensure the long-term security and profitability of the Club.

During his tenure, Mr Young served Presidents P.L. Doyle and deCarteret.

Sources included:

- Various web pages
- United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992 by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents
- Contribution from Mr Young February 2021